alternative remedial measures Government propose in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Suspension of announced Vayudoot sevices

4149. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of announced Vayudoot services discontinued during the last two years; and

(b) what are the reasons for suspending Vayudoot Bombay-Pune-Goa service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Vayudoot has not discontinued any schedule services but has changed the route of some flights in order to make the services economically viable. Services to the following stations have however, been discontinued as there was not adequate traffic to sustain the operations;

1. Amritsar
2. Mangalore
3. Tezpur
4. Warrangal.

(b) Vayudoot service on the route Bombay-Pune-Goa and back has been temporarily suspended due to heavy monsoon and adverse weather conditions.

Requirement of pilots in Indian Airlines

4150. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines will require nearly 100 pilots when 19 new planes are received next year and 12 planes in the year to come; and

(b) if so what steps Government have taken to meet the requirement of pilots in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Indian Airlines' requirement of pilots for 19 A-320 Airbus aircraft would be about 190. At present, Indian Airlines has 470 pilots and 50 more are undergoing training.

(b) The requirement of Indian Airlines will be met by recruiting pilots from Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy (IGRUA) as well as from the open market.

Development of Tourism

4151. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to increase hotel accommodation and Air India and IAC capacities to meet the growing requirements of the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): The major role in creating hotel accommodation is played by the private sector, Government is acting as a catalyst only. To encourage private sector investment in the hotel industry, Government has extended several incentives/concessions to the industry. The India Tourism Development Corporation, a public sector undertaking, is also constructing 4 hotels with 139 rooms, as joint venture projects with the State Corporations; converting its 2 Travellers' Lodges into hotels and expanding one hotel to provide another 51 rooms.

Air India and Indian Airlines are acquiring more aircrafts to increase their respective capacity.

Research Projects of NCERT running behind schedule

4152. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of research projects of the NCERT have been running behind schedule;